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New Role for YMCA in Canada's Second Century

▼ **ANNUAL MEETING** theme will focus on the Canadian YMCA after Centennial. Sessions for National Council will be held at Geneva Park, from June 15 (evening) to June 18 (lunch). Discussions will be in anticipation of the Canadian YMCA Conference scheduled for August 26-31, 1968, at York University's new Downsview campus.

▼ **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,** at its February 25-26 meeting at National Council's office in Toronto:

- accepted a fraternal (consultative) relationship with the Canadian Council of Churches (the Canadian 'Y' is not a member of that Council).
- agreed to participate with the YWCA of Canada in a working group to study amalgamation at the national level (as recommended by the YMCA - YWCA Forum, October 20, 1966).

▼ **LAY-STAFF CONFERENCES** are being scheduled for Regions of National YMCA Vice-Presidents. As of March 3, the following are listed:

Southern Ontario (J. G. Sheppard), at Hamilton, April 14-16.
Atlantic Provinces (D. G. Campbell and A. G. Archibald), at Saint John, N.B., April 21-23.
Western Ontario (D. D. C. McGeachy) at London, April 28-30.
Eastern Ontario (J. E. Girven), at Peterborough, May 12-14.
Toronto (H. A. Brown), possibly May 26-28.
Quebec Province (W. A. Devereaux) and **British Columbia** (C. A. Simpkins), dates being confirmed.
Saskatchewan (F. E. Reid), **Manitoba** (J. W. Brice), **Northern Ontario** (W. M. Hogg), no definite dates yet.
Alberta Laymen's Conference (J. A. Love), was held January 7, at Red Deer.

Agendas for Conferences will follow outlines developed after 1965 National YMCA Executive session devoted to lay-staff considerations. Annual Meeting (1965) discussions on 'Program and People' led to this further review of key aspects of 'Y' organization.

▼ **COMPANY OF YOUNG CANADIANS** contracted with National Council to provide training assistance. E. E. Smee, National YMCA Program Services secretary, has been seconded to COYC as training project director for four weeks to April 1, 1967.

▼ **KNOW YOUR 'Y' STAFF?** National YMCA Personnel Services, on basis of 1966 reports from Associations, listed:

qualified (B.A. degree plus Certification courses) (268): — median age 32 years, 7 years' experience, earning $7,000;

unqualified staff (159): — 3 years' experience, earning $5,300;

During 1966, 58 qualified secretaries (27 had 5 or more years' experience) and 32 unqualified staff left 'Y'. These persons went to educational institutions, government and business for more advancement opportunities, better salaries, or because they lacked competence and ability to work with 'Y' laymen.

WHAT IS YOUR 'Y' DOING ABOUT THIS? National YMCA Personnel Services has a model personnel policy to recommend, has encouraged upgrading of salaries for all positions requiring qualified secretaries, and has instituted a performance appraisal plan.

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Centennial YMCActivities

PRIME MINISTER PEARSON views a sweatshirt for size with Russ Kisby, Montreal-Downtown YMCA's physical director, at Parliament Hill, Ottawa, where members of the Montreal 'Y' Businessmen's Health Club set out to chalk up 100,000 miles of running by July 1 as a Centennial project. Other 'Y' run-for-health groups have their gyms marked for 'Round World, Across Canada distances. Read about these and other Canadian 'Y' Centennial projects on Page 3.

More than 100 Years of Achievement

Canadian YMCAs Grow with Canada

The Y.M.C.A. was founded in London, England, in 1844 when George Williams and eleven of his fellow employees met for prayer in one of the dormitory rooms of Messrs. Hitchcock and Co. After their fifth meeting, they decided to call themselves the Young Men's Christian Association and to have as their purpose "to improve the spiritual and mental condition of young men engaged in the drapery and other trades." These men had no idea of the profound effect they would have on the life of London and the world. The idea of the Y.M.C.A. caught on so rapidly that by 1855 it had spread to 9 countries and a World's Alliance of Y.M.C.A.s was formed.

The first Canadian Y.M.C.A. (first in North America!) was organized in Montreal in 1851. Our growth has paralleled the growth of Canada and as we salute our nation on her 100th Birthday we point with pride to a few of the contributions which the Y.M.C.A. has made to the development of Canada over the past century.

1851 — The Y.M.C.A. came to Canada with the organization of the first Association in Montreal.

1856 — Montreal International Y.M.C.A. convention discussed but did not adopt a proposal "that Y.M.C.A.s maintain gymnasiums and baths".

1866 — Y.M.C.A. responds to needs of military personnel fighting in the Fenian Raids along Niagara border.
— Physical activities were added to Y.M.C.A. program and the spiritual, mental, physical concept developed.

1867 — At the time of Confederation Y.M.C.A.s were organized in Montreal 1851, Toronto 1853, Halifax 1853, Saint John 1854, Charlottetown 1856, Pictou 1857, Yarmouth, Fredericton, Chatham, Kingston, Belleville, Hamilton, London, Galt, Brockville, Guelph, Dundas, Scarborough, Ottawa and Woodstock.

1868 — Hamilton Y.M.C.A. undertakes first Boys Work by establishing a Boys Home for street boys.

1871 — The Y.M.C.A. moved onto the University of Toronto Campus as the forerunner of the Student Christian Movement.

1873 — Toronto Y.M.C.A.'s "Shaftesbury Hall" was the first **major** Y.M.C.A. building to be completed in Canada. A "Small Frame Edifice" was erected and dedicated in 1872 in the West River District of the Maritimes.

1885 — Toronto Y.M.C.A. initiated the Night School idea.

1889 — Fraser Marshall, a Y.M.C.A. worker, conducted the first camping program for boys at Spencer's Point, near Truro, Nova Scotia.

1891 — Basketball invented by Canadian Y.M.C.A. Physical Director (Dr. James Naismith) attending Springfield College. The first Canadian Basketball game was played at Montreal Y.M.C.A. 1893.

1892 — W. H. Ball, a young graduate of Springfield College, was employed by Montreal Y.M.C.A. to lead Physical Department. The Y.M.C.A. pioneered the development of Physical Education in Canada.

1895 — Volleyball another Y.M.C.A. "invention" introduced to Canada.

1897 — Toronto Central Y.M.C.A. Board of Directors "took exception to the holding of a gymnasium class for women." The Y.M.C.A. now serves the family.

1899 — Dr. Howard G. Barrie and Mr. T. F. Best accompany Canadian Troops to South Africa as Auxiliary Service Officers.

1908 — Geneva Park Leadership training site on Lake Couchiching acquired by Y.M.C.A.

1916 — Dr. O. C. J. Withrow employed by National Council to develop a program of sex education for use in war auxiliary service work.

1917 — Y.M.C.A. sent Dr. H. M. Tory, President of University of Alberta, overseas to study the educational opportunities for men in military service. Khaki University serving over 50,000 different students played a very significant role in the demobilization effort.

1917 — The Canadian Hi-Y Movement was started at Central High School, Calgary.

1922 — Ys Men's Club Movement introduced to Canada with formation of clubs in Sydney, N.S. and Vancouver, B.C.

1902-1927 — The Golden Age of Boys Work in Canada: Tuxis, Trail Rangers, Boy Scouts introduced or initiated in Canada under leadership of Taylor Statten, Boy's Work Secretary, for the Toronto Y.M.C.A. and for the National Council.

1925 — Evening Classes of Montreal Y.M.C.A. are organized in a separate unit called Montreal Y.M.C.A. Schools, now Sir George Williams University. Carleton University (Ottawa 1942) and York University (Toronto) also had their beginnings in the Y.M.C.A.

1931 — Y.M.C.A. develops Canadian National Aquatic Program with test standards from Beginner to Life Saver. The Y.M.C.A. was the first organization to give mouth-to-mouth Resuscitation, Drown Proofing and Scuba diving standards for National approval.

1936 — First So-Ed (Young Adult Education-Recreation program) organized in Vancouver by Mel Chater.

1937 — First Foremen's Club (now Industrial Management Clubs of Canada) organized at Broadview Y.M.C.A. by Fred Hubbard.

1939 — Sept. 3 — National Council sends telegram to Prime Minister offering "to make available its experience and resources for service to Canadian Youth at this time of crisis.

1943-1947 — Y.M.C.A. plays a key role in the establishment of the Canadian Youth Commission to study the problems of young people 15-24 years in post-war Canada and to promote the acceptance of suggested recommendation.

1951 — North American Y.M.C.A.s celebrate 100 years of Y.M.C.A. service to youth.

1957 — Junior Leaders Training Camp — Geneva Park started by Wes McVicar, National Y.M.C.A. Physical Education Secretary.

1966 — National Y.M.C.A. Centennial Project (Geneva Court, Geneva Lodge and Auditorium) dedicated to the Leadership Training of Canadian Youth.

1967 — Canada's 127 Y.M.C.A.s, representing over 180,000 members, of which 33,000 are volunteer leaders or committee members, join with the almost 20,000,000 Canadians in celebrating Canada's 100th year. From its small beginnings in London, England, the Y.M.C.A. has grown into a world-wide, non-sectarian religious movement with 5,000,000 members in 84 countries.

• Statement prepared by Don McGregor,
National YMCA Program Development Secretary.

(Extra copies available on request to National Council)

Centennial YMCAActivities

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• Here is a list of known 'Y' happenings during Canada's centenary. How about any of your Association's plans, for listing in next issue?

CENTENNIAL FITNESS with 100-mile run is being promoted by many Ys. School Trustee Les Karaglanis fires the starting pistol for Victoria YMCA/YWCA's event which included Art Burgess, physical director; Gordon Hartley; British Columbia's Resources Minister Williston; and Bob Hutchinson (l. to r., front row). Silver centennial spoons are available through National Council, in recognition of these 'Y' 100-mile runs. More than 35 Ys from coast to coast are promoting this National project.

YMCA BUILDING

Improvement Projects

Victoria YMCA/YWCA, redevelopment, Camp Thunderbird · Yarmouth YMCA, refurnishing present building, building new swimming pool · Cornwall YMCA/YWCA, capital campaign to complete building · St. Catharines YMCA, capital fund campaign for new building · Mt. Hamilton YMCA/YWCA, playing field behind building · New Westminster YMCA/YWCA, finishing youth division area of present building · Geneva Park Leadership Training Centre, dedicated June, 1966.

CONFERENCES

Western region Centennial Hi-Y conference, Regina · Northern region Centennial Hi-Y conference, Sudbury · Provincial Teen-Age conference, Camp Elphinstone, Vancouver (Alma) · Day Camp Counsellor Exchange with Western Canada, Mt. Hamilton · Western Canada Intermediate Leaders conference, Calgary-Central.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

All Ontario 'Y' Centennial Leadership Seminar, Hamilton · Development of Community Youth Council, Niagara Falls · Centennial Seminar for Community Leadership Development, Halifax · Community Leaders Resource Centre, Moncton.

CERTIFICATION of Robert W. Stephens, Barrie YMCA/YWCA, has been announced by the Board of Certification following its December meeting. Now physical director, he came from Halifax 'Y' where he was assistant physical director after graduation (1964) from Sir George Williams University.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Centre Pan-American Games, Winnipeg (Elmwood) · Sharing in Centennial Ball Planning committee, Winnipeg (Elmwood) · Supply books for Community Library, Sudbury (Coniston) · Centennial Art Project for Youth, Victoria YMCA/YWCA · Promotion of swim instruction in schools, Winnipeg (St. James) · Serve on Local Centennial committee, Orillia · Serve on Centennial Youth committee, Sarnia · Research project on fitness with university, New Westminster · Y-Float in Centennial Parade, Brantford, Hamilton · Hi-Y Girls Hostesses on Centennial Train, Saskatoon.

INTERCULTURAL

Inter-Regional Camping and Travel Programs

Toronto (Eastview) · Charlottetown · Hamilton Moncton · Dartmouth · South Vancouver · Toronto (Westwood) · Edmonton (Central) · Brantford Saskatoon · Mt. Hamilton · St. Catherines · Kitchener-Waterloo · Victoria · Sault Ste. Marie.

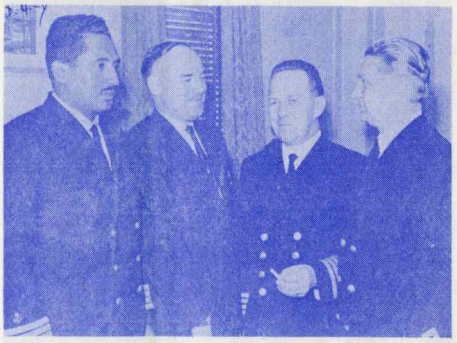
CENTENNIAL TEA provided opportunity for North Toronto YMCA to secure support for its pledge to the Canadian Y's Centennial Project at Geneva Park. Shown (l. to r.) are D. G. Lawson, past president, North Toronto YMCA; Mrs. S. R. M. Best and Mrs. A. S. Crawford, North Toronto Y's Menettes, sponsors of the event; and H. A. Brown, National YMCA vice president for Toronto Region.

PROGRAM EVENTS

Centennial Gym Show, Midland, Saskatoon · Ladies Fitness Demonstration — (100 ladies — Windsor Stadium) Windsor · Y's Men's Centennial Concert (The Travellers) Midland · Telegraphic Swim Meet for YMCA/YWCAs, New Westminster · Centennial Tournaments, Sarnia, Sault Ste. Marie · Y's Men's Club Concert National Ballet Company, Orillia · Ontario Amateur Swimming Championship Meet, Brantford · Conducting Public School Swimming Championships, Winnipeg (St. James) · Children's Bicycle Rodeo and Safety Campaign, Winnipeg (Elmwood) · Centennial Athletic Awards Day (boys) Cornwall · Pacific Northwest YMCA Centennial International Sports Festival, Vancouver (Central) · YMCA "Born with Canada" celebration, Saint John · Historical Review of Dartmouth, Dartmouth YMCA/YWCA · Cross Canada 10,000-mile Marathon Run, Montreal (Downtown) · Conversational French for Children, Mt. Hamilton. Forty-six associations responded to the invitation to share information about local Centennial Projects. If you see ideas which interest you, check with the particular YMCA, YMCA/YWCA for further details.

• List assembled by Don McGregor, for National YMCA Program Services, Feb. 15, 1967.

CENTENNIAL ABROAD was recognized at a ceremony by the Quito YMCA in Ecuador, on the anniversary (Nov. 25) of the founding of the first YMCA in the Western Hemisphere, Montreal. Participants included (l. to r.) Sr. J. Sevilla, Srta. R. Arague (youth activities secretary), Srta. M. E. Freile (Central 'Y' executive), G. Lebell (Canadian Embassy secretary), D. Lindsay (Vice - Consul, Canadian Embassy), Ambassador G. T. Corley-Smith (British Embassy), Sr. L. Polito (Quito YMCA president), and S. Susan (World Service fraternal secretary).



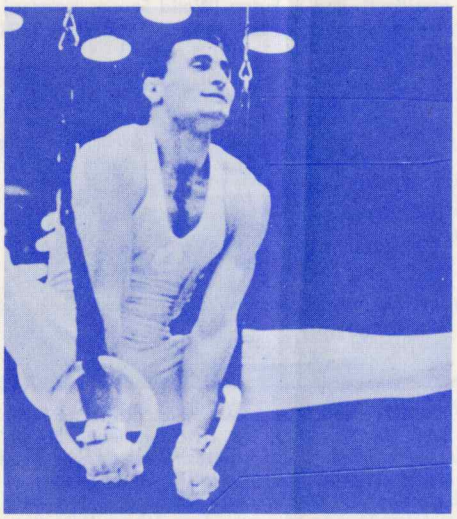
SEAMEN'S WEEK as a centennial project of Saint John YMCA included a civic luncheon. Shown (l. to r.) Capt. J. R. C. Luatez, Cuba; Mayor A. L. Gould of Saint John; Capt. H. Strand, Norway; and Capt. U. Kirjanor, Russia. Other events were industrial tours, dinners, and dances ('discotheque' by 19 Hi-Y clubs).

ARCHBISHOP OF OTTAWA, His Excellency The Most Reverend Joseph-Aurele Plourde, D.D., spoke on "The Christian Face of Canada's Centenary" at the annual meeting (January 30) of Cornwall YMCA-YWCA. He is shown (r.) with Mrs. J. D. Ilett, vice-president; S. Ortmayr, executive director; J. W. Billings, past president; and D. C. Stewart, president.

THE 'Y' ACROSS CANADA

SPECIAL RECOGNITION was given D. T. Yard, general secretary, Burnaby Family YMCA, when M. F. Strong, National 'Y' president, on behalf of Burnaby 'Y', presented plaque to 'Dave' Yard in tribute to his leadership and service. G. Watt, Burnaby 'Y' president, participated in the Feb. 15 event.

CARIBBEAN - CANADIAN 'Y' relationships were discussed at Port-of-Spain, Trinidad: D. R. Annett, National 'Y' World Service chairman; W. L. Miller, National YMCA/YWCA Committee; F. Mohan, chairman, Federal Council of YMCAs of Caribbean; Miss Carman Lusan, Caribbean 'Y' study director; C. A. Keir, on leave from Ottawa YMCA-YWCA for External Aid Office contract with Trinidad and Tobago; and T. Glavin, Canadian University Services Overseas Caribbean co-ordinator. S. G. A. Robinson (Toronto Central YMCA President) and H. J. Labatte (Toronto YMCA Program and Personnel Secretary) made 'Y' visits following the February 11-12 meeting.



KERDIMILIDI and other members of the USSR Gymnastic teams gave 'standing room only' performances at events arranged by Vancouver YMCA, Calgary YMCA, and Ottawa YMCA-YWCA. Other programs endorsed by Canadian Gymnastic Association were held at other places.

TORONTO'S MAYOR WILLIAM DENNISON, longtime member of Toronto Central 'Y', shows his style at Central's new art gallery, now a permanent home for the Society of Canadian Artists. This Y-SCA co-operation makes possible new program opportunities.

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from Les Vipond's General Secretary's Annual Report to National YMCA Executive Committee, February 26, 1967, commenting on retirement of H. A. Ward as of July 1:

H. A. WARD

"... I will never be able to express adequately my appreciation to Arnold Ward for the friendship, the wisdom, the understanding, the patience and the good humour he has given to me and all who have worked with him during these years. ... Like most excellent YMCA Secretaries he has shown great versatility in his career. While with us, in addition to serving as Adult Program secretary, he has been World Service secretary, secretary for the Industrial Management Clubs, Personnel Services secretary, and finally anchor man of the Field Services staff serving Associations in the Central Canada region. ..."

Note These Dates

MARCH	
Easter	Western Canada Hi-Y Conference, Regina, Sask.
	Northern Ontario Hi-Y Conference, Sudbury, Ont.
19-25	South American Confederation, Lima, Peru.
29-April 4	Canadian Welfare Council, Geneva Park.
31-April 1	Pacific Northwest YMCA Sports Festival, Vancouver.
30-April 1	Conference on the YMCA Profession, Denver, Colo.
APRIL	
7-May 8	YMCA World Service Centennial African Tour.
3-13	National YMCA (Unit One) In-Service Training, Geneva Park.
9-14	World Alliance, YMCA meetings, Geneva, Switzerland.
2-12	National YMCA Human Relations Training, Geneva Park.
MAY	
2-15	National YMCA Trainer Development Proect, Geneva Park.
28-June 2	Canadian Council of Churches, Geneva Park.
JUNE	
2-3	United Nations Association in Canada, Montreal.
2-5	Association of YMCA Office Personnel, Geneva Park.
6	123rd Birthday of YMCA.
12-17	Canadian Recreation Symposium, Montreal, P.Q.
15-18	National Council YMCA Annual Meeting, Geneva Park.
19	YMCA/YWCA Conference, Geneva Park.
20-23	Caribbean Area YMCA Conference, Aruba.
JULY	
2-15	National YMCA Boys' Physical Leaders Training, Geneva Park.
9-15	So-Ed Youth Cultural Exchange, Otoreke, Montreal, P.Q.
15-21	International Summer Institute Y M C A Transportation, Geneva Park.
16-30	National YMCA Girls' Physical Leaders Training, Geneva Park.
22-August 7	Pan-American Games, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
29-August 5	Canadian Institute on Public Affairs, Geneva Park.
AUGUST	
14-26	Sir George Williams University Summer School, Geneva Park.
21-25	International Y's Men's Convention, Green Lake, Wis.
SEPTEMBER	
2-9	National YMCA Physical Skill School, Geneva Park.
22-24	International Committee YMCA Plenary, Toronto.
OCTOBER	
11	YMCA Founders Day.
7-12	Canadian University Service Overseas, Annual Meeting, Geneva Park.
20-21	Industrial Management Clubs Conference, Montreal.
NOVEMBER	
	100th Annual YMCA/YWCA Week of Prayer and World Fellowship.
12-17	YMCA Seminar on United Nations and World Affairs Education, New York.
1968	
July 31-Aug. 11	World YMCA/YWCA Young Adults, Geneva Park.
Aug. 26-Aug. 31	Canadian YMCA Conference, York University.

IN MEMORIAM

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Samuel Rice
Retired Railway YMCA Secretary
November 28, 1966

J. T. Barratt
Retired YMCA Secretary, Montreal
December 25, 1966

C. T. Sharpe
YMCA World War I Secretary, Toronto
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